

## **Brenham City Council Minutes**

A regular meeting of the Brenham City Council was held on February 2, 2017 beginning at 1:00 p.m. in the Brenham City Hall, City Council Chambers, at 200 W. Vulcan Street, Brenham, Texas.

### Members present:

Mayor Milton Y. Tate, Jr.  
Mayor Pro Tem Gloria Nix  
Councilmember Andrew Ebel  
Councilmember Danny Goss  
Councilmember Keith Herring  
Councilmember Mary E. Barnes-Tilley  
Councilmember Weldon Williams, Jr.

### Members absent:

None

### Others present:

City Manager Terry Roberts, Assistant City Manager of General Government Ryan Rapelye, City Attorney Cary Bovey, City Secretary Jeana Bellinger, Deputy City Secretary Kacey Weiss, Assistant City Manager – Chief Financial Officer Carolyn Miller, Stacy Hardy, Susan Nienstedt, Sara Parker, Kaci Konieczny, Director of Community Services Wende Ragonis, Fire Chief Ricky Boeker, Police Chief Craig Goodman, Chris Jackson, Public Works Director Dane Rau, Assistant City Manager of Public Utilities Lowell Ogle, Debbie Gaffey, Development Services Director Erik Smith, Kim Hodde, Lori Lakatos, Darlene Konieczny, Kevin Boggus and Stephen Draehn

### Citizens present:

Perry Thomas, Callie Korth, David Korth and Jon Hodde

### Media Present:

Arthur Hahn, Brenham Banner Press; and Noelle Buffam, KWHI

- 1. Call Meeting to Order**
- 2. Invocation and Pledges to the US and Texas Flags – Councilmember Goss**

- 3. **Service Recognitions**
  - **Debra Gaffey, Public Utilities**      **10 Years**
  - **Cody Neutzler, Sanitation**      **10 Years**

4. **Citizens Comments**

There were no citizen comments.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

5. **Statutory Consent Agenda**

5-a. **Minutes from the December 15, 2016 Regular City Council Meeting**

A motion was made by Councilmember Herring and seconded by Councilmember Barnes-Tilley to approve the Statutory Consent Agenda with a minor grammatical correction on Page 2.

Mayor Tate called for a vote. The motion passed with Council voting as follows:

Mayor Milton Y. Tate, Jr.	Yes
Mayor Pro Tem Gloria Nix	Yes
Councilmember Andrew Ebel	Yes
Councilmember Danny Goss	Yes
Councilmember Keith Herring	Yes
Councilmember Mary E. Barnes-Tilley	Yes
Councilmember Weldon Williams	Yes

**WORK SESSION**

6. **Presentation and Discussion on the Possible Placement of Stop Signs on S. Chappell Hill Street at Its Intersection with Niebuhr Street**

Public Works Director Dane Rau presented this item. Rau explained that over the last year, the City of Brenham has received numerous concerns over the limited visibility and safety at this intersection. Rau stated that within the last few months City Staff has received a petition of approximately 400 signatures requesting the City consider placing additional stop signs at this intersection in order to make it safer. Rau advised that the petition did not comply with the requirements of the City Charter and was not sufficient to involve the city to provide an initiative at the current time.

Rau explained that City Staff has been monitoring the intersection and looking at options in order to improve this intersection as it relates to traffic exiting off of Niebuhr Street. Rau noted that the overall issue is that the fence with rock columns blocks the full view from traffic exiting off of Niebuhr Street.

Rau explained that Staff has considered two options that will make this intersection safer. The first option would be to make this intersection a controlled intersection by placing 2 additional stop signs on Chappell Hill Street. Rau noted this will make an all way stop at the intersection, requiring traffic along Chappell Hill Street to stop before continuing through. Rau explained that the second option is to possibly obtain some of the property adjacent to the intersection and relocate the existing fence in order to ease the visibility at this intersection. Rau advised that this option would come with some expense, which at this time, the fence relocation is estimated at \$8,500-\$10,000.

Citizen Mark Rose, a resident at 1608 Ellen Street, is the pastor at Christ Lutheran Church and stated that he is concerned about the safety of their day school families that are using that intersection at the busiest times.

It was decided by Council to put temporary stop signs in place for now and to monitor the area. If this does not resolve the problem or causes further issues, then permanent signs could be placed or removal of the fence may be needed.

## **REGULAR SESSION**

### **7. Discuss and Possibly Act Upon Bid No. 17-002 for Generator Maintenance and Inspection for Various City Facilities and Authorize the Mayor to Execute Any Necessary Documentation**

Maintenance Supervisor Stephen Draehn presented this item. Draehn stated that on January 18, 2017, the Purchasing Department opened bids related to the Annual Generator Maintenance and Inspection Contract. Draehn advised that seven bids were received for review and LJ Power submitted the lowest bid. Draehn explained that currently there are ten locations that have generators that will fall under this contract and the services provided are for a bi-annual visit to each generator.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Nix and seconded by Councilmember Williams to approve a one year contract with LJ Power in the amount of \$9,800.00 for the generator maintenance and inspections for various City facilities and authorize the Mayor to execute any necessary documentation.

Mayor Tate called for a vote. The motion passed with Council voting as follows:

Mayor Milton Y. Tate, Jr.	Yes
Mayor Pro Tem Gloria Nix	Yes
Councilmember Andrew Ebel	Yes
Councilmember Danny Goss	Yes
Councilmember Keith Herring	Yes
Councilmember Mary E. Barnes-Tilley	Yes
Councilmember Weldon Williams	Yes

- 8. Discuss and Possibly Act Upon the Following Professional Services Agreements Related to Storm Disaster Recovery Work from the May 2016 Storm Event:**
- a. Professional Services Agreement with O'Malley Strand Associates, Inc. for Storm Damage Repairs to the Wastewater and Water Treatment Plants;**
  - b. Professional Services Agreement with O'Malley Strand Associates, Inc. for Storm Damage Repairs to Alamo Street, Schulte Boulevard, and Gun & Rod Road;**
  - c. Professional Services Agreement with Gunda Corporation, LLC for Storm Damage Repairs to Various City Infrastructure Improvements at Multiple Locations; and**
  - d. Professional Services Agreement with Gunda Corporation, LLC for Storm Damage Repairs to the Raw Water Intake Structure at Lake Somerville;**
- and Authorize the Mayor to Execute Any Necessary Documentation**

This item was passed.

- 9. Discuss and Possibly Act Upon an Ordinance on Its First Reading Authorizing a Variance to Design Standard Requirements, as Outlined in Section 23-22(5)(a) of the City of Brenham's Code of Ordinances, on a Tract of Land Being Described as Tract 374 (WCAD), 0.265604 Acres of Land, Out of the Phillip Coe Survey, A-31, Located at 1118 West Main Street, Brenham, Washington County, Texas**

Development Services Director Erik Smith presented this item. Smith explained that David W. Korth owns a 0.265604 acre tract of land located at 1118 West Main Street. Smith stated that the subject property does not have road frontage, but has access via a platted private road. Smith advised that the applicant would like to plat this property and is specifically asking for a variance to remove the requirement to have property frontage on a City right-of-way. Smith noted the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of this request.

Councilmember Williams expressed concern that the private road could create issues for the City in the future if there were new property owners. City Attorney Cary Bovey stated that if the variance is granted, Mr. Korth can develop his property legally and it would not be a liability for the City.

A motion was made by Councilmember Herring and seconded by Councilmember Barnes-Tilley to approve an Ordinance on its first reading authorizing a variance to Design Standard Requirements, as outlined in Section 23-22(5)(a) of the City of Brenham's Code of Ordinances, on a tract of land being described as Tract 374, 0.265604 acres of land, out of the Phillip Coe Survey, A-31 located at 1118 West Main Street, Brenham, Washington County, Texas.

Mayor Tate called for a vote. The motion passed with Council voting as follows:

Mayor Milton Y. Tate, Jr.	Yes
Mayor Pro Tem Gloria Nix	Yes
Councilmember Andrew Ebel	Yes
Councilmember Danny Goss	Yes
Councilmember Keith Herring	Yes
Councilmember Mary E. Barnes-Tilley	Yes
Councilmember Weldon Williams	Yes

**10. Discuss and Possibly Act Upon a Ground Space Lease Agreement with Bob Handley for Hangar Space at the Brenham Municipal Airport and Authorize the Mayor to Execute Any Necessary Documentation**

Planning Technician Kim Hodde presented this item. Hodde explained that John Startz sold his hangar (3307 Aviation Way) to Bob Handley and therefore, a new lease agreement needs to be executed for Mr. Handley. Hodde advised that execution of this lease agreement with Mr. Handley will cancel the previous agreement with John Startz.

A motion was made by Councilmember Barnes-Tilley and seconded by Councilmember Ebel to approve a Ground Space Lease Agreement with Bob Handley for hangar space at the Brenham Municipal Airport and authorize the Mayor to execute any necessary documentation.

Mayor Tate called for a vote. The motion passed with Council voting as follows:

Mayor Milton Y. Tate, Jr.	Yes
Mayor Pro Tem Gloria Nix	Yes
Councilmember Andrew Ebel	Yes
Councilmember Danny Goss	Yes
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Councilmember Weldon Williams	Yes

## 11. Administrative/Elected Officials Report

City Manager Terry Roberts reported on the following:

- Washington County Day at the Capitol is February 21<sup>st</sup>

Director of Community Services Wende Ragonis reported on the following:

- Texas Historical Commission representative will be speaking at the Barnhill Center at 5:30 today about tax credits
- *CNN Travel* featured an article about Brenham and Washington County
- The city's website has been updated with parks and animal shelter information
- Bids for wayfinding signage will be opened on February 14<sup>th</sup>

Police Chief Craig Goodman reported on the following:

- Sgt. Seth Klehm was selected as a "100 Club Officer of the Year" and will be recognized May 17<sup>th</sup> in Houston

The meeting was adjourned.

*Milton Y. Tate, Jr.*

Mayor

*Jeana Bellinger, TRMC, CMC*

City Secretary

